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FM AMEMBASSY OSLO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3795

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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PASS DOT FOR COAST GUARD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT, NO

SUBJECT: PROMOTION OF AMVER SYSTEM--NORWAY

REF: STATE A-1894

1. SINCE AMVER PARTICIPATION IS NOW COMPULSORY IN NORWAY, NORWEGIAN SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION IS OPPOSED TO CEREMONY OR PUBLICITY FOR AMVER AWARDS THAT SIMPLY RECOGNIZES FACT OF PARTICIPATION. SHIPOWNERS ASSOC IS NOT OPPOSED TO MAILING AMVER "AWARDS" TO RECIPIENTS, BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE PUBLICITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO COMPANIES, VESSELS, ETC. WHICH WERE MERELY FULFILLING A LEGAL OBLIGATION. FURTHERMORE, THEY FEEL THAT THOSE WHICH DO NOT RECEIVE AWARDS WILL TEND TO STAND OUT AS HAVING FAILED TO COMPLY WITH LAW, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN ADVERSE PUBLICITY FOR THEM INDIVIDUALLY.

2. SHIPOWNERS STRONGLY SUPPORT SOME MECHANISM TO GIVE PUBLICITY TO AMVER SYSTEM AND CLOSE TIES BETWEEN USCG AND NORWEGIAN MERCHANT FLEET. AS AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED WITH SILER DURING VISIT FOR CEREMONY HERE LAST YEAR, USCG MIGHT FIND SOME OTHER ASPECT OF AMVER PROGRAM TO FOCUS ATTENTION (E.G. QUALITY OF PARTICIPATION) RATHER THAN SIMPLE PARTICIPATION NOW THAT PROGRAM IS MANDATORY. FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT, SUCH SPECIAL RECOGNITION SHOULD COME DIRECTLY

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FROM USCG OFFICIAL WHILE IN NORWAY. SHIPOWNERS ARE ALSO CONSIDERING MEANS OF THANKING COAST GUARD EACH YEAR FOR CONTRIBUTION OF AMVER SYSTEM TO NORWEGIAN MARITIME SAFETY BUT HAVE NOTHING CONCRETE TO SUGGEST AS YET. EMBASSY WILL PASS ON NORWEGIAN THOUGHTS WHEN AVAILABLE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS U.S.

COAST GUARD MAY HAVE FOR CEREMONY WHICH WILL CONTINUE EXTENSIVE  
AND EXTREMELY FAVORABLE PUBLICITY WE HAVE RECEIVED IN PAST YEARS  
FROM AMVER AWARD CEREMONY IN NORWAY BUT WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT  
MANDATORY ASPECTS OF PROGRAM.  
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